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C O N F I D E N T I A L PANAMA 6421

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, PN, CS, EC

SUBJ: ENERGY CRISIS - PANAMA STATUS REPORT

REF: PANAMA A234, SAN JOSE 4180

1. EMBOFF WAS INFORMED BY LOCAL TEXACO OFFICER THAT SUPPLY OF CRUDE FROM ECUADOR, WHICH HAD BEEN SOURCE OF 50 PERCENT OF CRUDE FOR LOCAL REFINERY, HAS BEEN CUT FROM AVERAGE OF ABOUT 38,00 BARRELS PER DAY TO 25,000 - 27,000 BARRELS PER DAY. FOR THIS REASON REFINERY OUTPUT WILL BE REDUCED FROM 75,000 BARRELS PER DAY TO 65,000 EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1 AND FURTHER REDUCED TO 52,000 BARRELS PER DAY ON JANUARY 1. TEXACO REPRESENTATIVE INDICATED THAT CRUDE OIL FROM ECUADOR PROBABLY DIVERTED TO U S OR TEXACO REFINERY IN TRINIDAD.

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2. ACCORDING TO COMPANY REP, RESULT OF THIS CUTBACK IN SUPPLY

FROM ECUADOR COMBINED WITH LOSS OF PERSIAN GULF CRUDE PLACE  
IN DOUBT CAPABILITY OF FULFILLING COMMITMENTS TO EXPORT CUSTOMERS  
FOR REMAINDER OF 1973 AND ELIMINATES POSSIBILITY OF MAKING NEW  
COMMITMENTS IN 1974. HE SAID LETTERS HAVE BEEN  
SENT ADVISING EXPORT CUSTOMERS OF LACK OF EXPORT  
CAPABILITY BECAUSE OF "FORCE MAJEURE."

3. BARRING FURTHER CUTBACKS IN CRUDE SUPPLY, COMPANY STILL PLANS  
TO MEET REQUIREMENTS OF REPUBLIC OF PANAMA AND PANAMA CANAL  
ALTHOUGH EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, COMPANY WILL RATION LIQUID PETROL-  
EUM GAS (LPG) TO 80 PERCENT OF PREVIOUS 6 MONTH AVERAGE.  
PARTIAL RELIEF MAY BE FORTHCOMING IN FIRST QUARTER CY 1974 WHEN  
INCREASE IN PLANT CAPACITY COMPLETED FOR THIS PRODUCT.

4. AVIATION CUSTOMERS AT TOCUMEN AIRPORT WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE  
SAME AMOUNT AS BEFORE BUT NO NEW REQUESTS WILL BE FILLED.

5. BUNKERING FOR SHIPS PASSING THROUGH THE CANAL HAS BEEN  
REDUCED TO 70 PERCENT OF LAST YEAR'S SUPPLY TO EXISTING CUSTOMERS.  
NO NEW APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED.  
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